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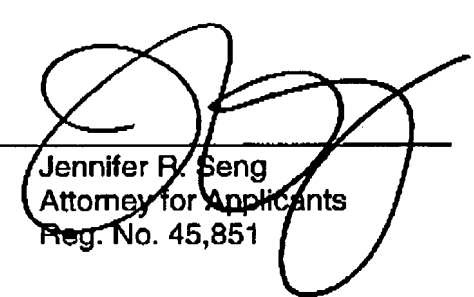
Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for careful consideration given this application. Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Examiner's affirmation that pending Claims 1-8 are in condition for allowance except for the outstanding objection to independent Claim 1. Therefore, Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to read "at least one isoolefin monomer" in line 5 thereby attending to the Examiner's objection. Claim 4 has also been amended to reflect the recitation of "at least one isoolefin monomer" in its parent claim, independent Claim 1. Additionally, all previously withdrawn Claims 9-15 have been cancelled.

By attending to the outstanding objection and cancelling previously withdrawn Claims, Applicants respectfully request that this application be passed to issue. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Application, he is respectfully requested to initiate a telephone conference with the undersigned.

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge the fees indicated on the attached PTO-2038, and any additional fees for an extension of time or those under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, which may be required by this paper, and/or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2527.

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